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THE
CHARTER
OF THE
CORPORATION
OF THE
London - in
Amicable Society

FOR A
Perpetual Assurance-Office ;
Together with the
By-Laws thereunto belonging.

ALSO,
An Account of the Numbers that have
died each Year, and the Sums of the
Yearly Dividends that have been paid.

*Enter'd in the Hall-Book of the Company,
according to Act of Parliament.*

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THE
CHARTER
OF THE
CORPORATION
OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY
FOR A

Perpetual Assistance Office

To be read in the
presence of the members belonging.

And of the members that have
been admitted, and the sons of the
members that have been paid.

And of the sons of the members
that have been paid.

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THE
CHARTER
 OF THE
CORPORATION
 OF THE
Amicable Society, &c.

ANNE, by the Grace of
 GOD, Queen of *England,*
Scotland, France and Ire-
land, Defender of the
 Faith, &c. To all to whom these
 Presents shall come, Greeting.
 Whereas *Humberston Baron, John*
Hartley, William Spenceley, Richard
Masgrave and others, have by their
 humble Petition represented unto
 Us, That they have agreed upon,
 and entered into a voluntary Society
 for the mutual Benefit and Interest

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of

of every Person that shall at any time be a Member thereof, in order to provide for their Wives, Children, and other Relations, after a more easie, certain and advantageous Method than any that hath hitherto been thought of; By an amicable Contribution, according to certain Articles or Agreements enter'd into by the said Petitioners, for the Purposes aforesaid. And it has been humbly certified unto Us, That their Design will be of singular Use and Relief to many Families, by providing for great Numbers of Widows and Orphans, who might probably be otherwise left wholly destitute of a Maintenance by the sudden Death of those on whom they depend. And the said Petitioners have therefore humbly prayed Us to Incorporate them and all others that are or shall be concerned in the Society of *Perpetual Assurance-Office*, that they may be enabled to purchase Lands to be settled as a Security for Payment of the Claims and other Uses mention'd

tion'd in the aforesaid Articles.

Now know Ye, That We being graciously pleased to gratifie the said Petitioners in their said Request, and to encourage the said Undertaking, Of Ourspecial Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, have granted, constituted, declared and appointed, and by these Présents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors do grant, constitute, declare and appoint, That Our Trusty and Well-beloved William Lord Bishop of Oxon, Sir Thomas Aleyne, Baronet, Sir John Sparrow, Sir William Holford, Baronet, Sir William Read, Knight, Dame Mary Everard, Dame Ursula Bouchier, Dame Anne Platte, Dame Dorothy Beddingfield, Dame Anna Maria Price, Dame Catherine Venables, Colonel Horace Wallpool, Colonel Thomas Garth, John Ward, William Branthwayt, Charles Higgs, Charles Cox, Samuel Collins, John Price, Abraham Tilghman, John Twelves, Richard Masgrave, Richard Coxeter, Walter

Hungerford, Peter Leneve, Joseph Shaw, Richard Bromhall, Matthias Fletcher, John Grubb, Lewis Monoux, Henry Neale, Charles Tallop, George Nodes, Daniel Thornbury, Joseph Ayloffe, Henry Bateman, Stephen Bateman, Charles May, William Livesay, Christopher Beddingsfield, Gabriel Armiger, John Dennis, Valentine Dawes, Robert Perryman, Ralph Cary, John Ellis, John Mercer, Robert Brown, William Walsbam, Esquires; White Kennett, Nicholas Brady, William Lloyd, John Stillingfleet, Emanuel Langford, John Hicks, John Esdras Edzard, Doctors in Divinity; Thom. Ayloffe, William Clements, Thomas Lane, Richard Pagett, Doctors of Laws; John Branthwayt, William Dawes, John Ker, Robert Cony, Ralph Hicks, Richard Morton, James Drake, Launcelot Harrison, John Doby, Doctors of Physick; Robert Pierson, Edward Cook, Edward Shaw, Frederick Alpe, John Heylin, William Spenceley, Robert Sanderson, Edward Hartley, Charles Hall, John Gowland, Robert Kent, George Isaacson

son, Senior, George Isaacson, Jun.
 Anthony Isaacson, Robert Lord,
 Theophilus Beddingfield, Anthony
 Wilkes, Charles Hornby, Benedict
 Itbell, Nicholas Took, John Savage,
 Captain Thomas Savery, William
 Terrett, Hayford Waynwright, Hen-
 ry Willis, Joseph Watts, Charles
 Bridges, Samuel Newton, William
 Rutland, Richard Tolson, William
 Dockwra, John Oldmixon, Richard
 Owen, Frederick Milford, John
 Shewell, Ralph Leicester, Gentle-
 men; John Harris, John Broughton,
 Edward Lany, William Wotton, Ri-
 chard Johnson, Thomas Cook, Tho-
 mas Wagstaffe, John Jacques, Rich-
 ard Coliere, Vincenc Barry, Sa-
 muel Haws, Zachary Wells, Hum-
 berston Baron, Richard Tisdale, Sa-
 muel Clark, James Mashborne, Ju-
 lius Caesar, Masters of Arts; John
 Ward of St. Clement's-Lane, Natha-
 nael Carpenter, William Blakeway,
 James Thornball, Nathanael Bland,
 Edward Westcomb, William Leving-
 ston, Joseph Moor, Benjamin Carter,
 Samuel Barwick, Robert Stiles, Mer-
 chants;

chants; Richard Mount, John Hals, John Rudyard, Robert Tardley, Captain Francis Parr, Samuel Hoole, Samuel Watkinson, Robert Borvill, John Matthews, Robert Hartley, Jasper Harmar, John Taylor, John Hartley, William Spurling, Luke Meriton, Thomas Hodgson, John Nutt, Thomas Higgs, Elinor Spelman, Margaret Maffingberd, Elizabeth Willis, Elizabeth Clifford, Elizabeth Austin, Elizabeth Wilsham, Theodosia Beddingfield, Penelope Price, Elinor Hoar, Martha Flint, Isabella English, Mary Rutty, and Penelope Webster, and all and every other Person and Persons, who shall be admitted to be a Subscriber and Subscribers to the said *Perpetual Assurance-Office*, according to the Directions herein after contain'd, not exceeding Two Thousand Persons in the whole, shall be and be called one Body Corporate and Politick in Deed and in Name, by the Name of the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*; And them, by the Name of the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual*

Not to exceed
Two Thousand.

Perpetual Assurance Office, We do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, make, erect, ordain, constitute, establish, confirm and declare by these Presents to be one Body Corporate and Politick in Deed and in Name for ever. And do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare, That by the same Name of the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, they shall have perpetual Succession, and that They and their Successors, by the Name of the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable in Law, to have, take, purchase, receive, hold, enjoy and retain to them and their Successors any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Priviledges, Liberties, Possessions, and Hereditaments of what Kind, Nature or Quality soever, for the sole Benefit of the said *Amicable Society*, not exceeding the yearly Value of Two Thousand Pounds above all Issues and Reprizes: And moreover to

To purchase
Lands not ex-
ceeding 2000 l.
per Annum,

A 4 purchase

*And any Goods
and Chattels.*

*May sue and be
sued.*

purchase and acquire any Goods and Chattels whatsoever and also to give, grant, alien, assign and dispose of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, and to do and execute all and singular other Matters and Things necessarily relating thereunto. And that they and their Successors, by the Name of the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance Office*, shall and may plead and be impleaded, sue and be sued, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in whatsoever Courts and Places, and before any Judges, Justices and Officers of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in all and singular Actions, Pleas, Suits, Complaints, Matters and Demands of what kind or quality whatsoever they shall be, in the same Manner and Form, and as fully and amply as any of Our Subjects of this Our Realm of *England* may or can do, sue or be sued, plead or be impleaded, answer or be answered unto, defend and be defended.

defended. And that the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office* shall and may have and use a Common Seal for the Affairs and Business of the said *Amicable Society*. *May have a Common Seal.*

And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, the same Seal from time to time, at their Will and Pleasure to break, change, alter or make new, as to them shall *Alterable at Pleasure.*

seem expedient. And We do hereby ordain, declare and direct for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, That all and every Person and Persons who hereafter shall be admitted Members of the said *Amicable Society*, according to the Powers and Authorities hereby granted, shall be and be esteem'd Members of the same Corporation hereby constituted. And we do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant, declare and appoint, That the whole Number of Persons intended by Virtue of these Presents to be Incorporated as aforesaid, do not exceed

*Not above, but
may be less than
2000 Members*

*Each Member
to pay 6l. 4s.
per Annum.*

*Nominees to
receive Divi-
dends on Sub-
scribers Deaths*

*Subscribers
may change
their Nominees
paying 2s.*

ceed at any one time Two Thou-
sand, but may consist of any less
Number. And that every of the
said before-nam'd Persons, and all
other Persons who shall be admit-
ted into the said Society as afore-
said, shall and may pay upon his
or her own Life Six Pounds, Four
Shillings of lawful *English* Money
per Annum, as is herein after men-
tion'd, on whose Decease the No-
minee or Nominees of every respec-
tive Member (or their respective
Executors, Administrators and As-
signs) shall become intitled unto
and receive the Dividends herein
after-mention'd to be made to such
Nominee or Nominees. And that
every such Subscriber or Member
may have Power from time to time,
as often as he or she shall think fit,
to change his or her Nominee or
Nominees upon delivering up his
or her former Policy, paying for
his or her new Policy Two Shil-
lings only. And further also, That
each and every of the said *first*
two Thousand Subscribers and Per-
sons

sons to be admitted into the said Society shall at the time of his or her actually receiving a Policy from the Register of the said *Amicable Society* or his Deputy (except in Cases of transferring or changing the Policy) well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the Person who shall for the time being be Register to to the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, the Sum of Five Shillings of lawful *English* Money, as and for Entrance-Money, for the sole Use and Benefit of such Register; and also the Sum of Five Shillings of like lawful *English* Money into the Joint-Stock or Fund of the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, for the sole Use and Benefit of the same Corporation. And that after two Thousand Persons, with the Persons before-nam'd, shall be admitted into the said Society, every new Member that shall be admitted in the Place of such as die, shall pay Ten Shillings to the Joint-Stock: And shall also pay or cause to be paid

Each to pay 5s. to the Register.

And 5s. to the Joint-Stock.

Every new Member after the first 2000 to pay 10s the Joint Stock.

Also to pay 6 l.
4 s. annually ;

And at such
Times as the
Directors shall
appoint.

paid yearly and every Year, accounting from the respective times of naming such respective Nominees, the Sum of Six Pounds, Four Shillings of lawful *English* Money, for the Purposes herein after mention'd; the said Four Shillings to be paid quarterly, and the said Six Pounds, to such Person or Persons as the Directors shall appoint from time to time to receive the same, at and by twelve equal Payments upon every first *Thursday* in each Kalendar Month, or within ten Days then next ensuing, or by four quarterly equal Payments, at the four most usual Feasts in the Year, or otherwise as the Directors of the said *Amicable Society* for the the time being shall think fit to appoint; at which time and times of Payments as aforesaid, each Member making such Payment shall and may receive; And we do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors strictly require and command the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, without other Fee or Reward to be paid

paid for the same, to cause to be delivered to the respective Subscribers one Policy of Assurance under the Seal of the said Corporation, intitling each respective Nominee or Nominees to such Dividend or Dividends, and in such Manner and Form as is herein after-mention'd. *Every Member to have a Policy under the Common Seal.*

And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors ordain and appoint, That there shall be from henceforth for ever, Twelve Persons *12 Directors.* (Members of the said *Amicable Society*) to be named, constituted, elected and appointed in such Manner and Form as is herein after express'd, who shall be, and be call'd Directors of the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office.* And that there shall be also from henceforth one of the Members of the said *Amicable Society*, to be nominated, elected and chosen, as is herein after mention'd, who shall be, and be called Register to the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office.* *One Register.* And for the better Execution of Our Will and Pleasure in

*First Directors
Names.*

in this Behalf, We have made, ordain'd, nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors do make, ordain, nominate, constitute and appoint the said Sir Thomas Aley, Baronet, Thomas Ayloffe, William Branthwayt, John Branthwayt, John Broughton, Nathanael Carpenter, William Clements, John Harris, Charles Higgs, Richard Mount, Robert Peirson, and John Ward of St. Clements-Lane aforesaid, to be the first and present Directors of the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, to continue in the said Office of Directors respectively until the Five and Twentieth Day of *March* now next coming, and from and after that time until other fit Persons shall be duly elected and sworn into the said Office of Directors, in such manner as is herein after mention'd and express'd. And Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby require, That all the Directors herein before-nam'd and constituted, shall, before

before they be admitted to the Execution of their said several Offices or Trust respectively, take their Oaths for the due and faithful Performance of their several Offices and Trusts before the said *John Hartley*, Stationer (hereafter in these Presents appointed to be the first and present Register of the said Society) To whom We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors, give full Power and Authority to give and administer the said Oaths accordingly. And We have also named, ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do name, ordain, constitute and appoint the said *John Hartley*, Stationer, to be the first and present Register of the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, to hold, execute and enjoy the said Office by him or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies, for whom he shall be answerable to the Directors for the time being of the said Society during the Term of

Directors to be sworn before the Register.

John Hartley first Register.

*For 14 Years,
if he live so
long.*

*If not by his
Executors, &c.*

of his Natural Life; and in case the said *John Hartley* shall die before the Expiration of the Term of Fourteen Years, to commence and be computed from the Day of the Date of these Presents. Then Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and ordain, That the Executors, Administrators or Assigns of the said *John Hartley*, and his or her Deputy or Deputies, for whom he, she or they shall also be answerable, and who shall be approved by the Directors for the time being of the said Society, shall hold, exercise and enjoy the said Office of Register to the *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office* for and during the Remainder of the said Term of Fourteen Years, which shall be then to come and unexpir'd. And further also, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *John Hartley*, during his Life, and also for his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, in case he shall die at any time before the Expiration

Expiration of the said Term of Fourteen Years, as aforesaid, during so many Years of the said Term as shall be then to come, and unexpir'd; to demand and receive of, and from the said *Amicable Society*, a Salary payable Quarterly, at the Four most usual Feasts or Terms in the Year, of Two Hundred Pounds *per Ann.* if only one Thousand Persons, and Three Hundred Pounds *per Ann.* if two Thousand Persons become Members of the said Society, besides the five Shillings Entrance-Mony of the first two Thousand Members. And we do hereby, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Will and Require, as well the said *John Hartley*, as every other Person who shall be constituted by him, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, as aforesaid, to execute the said Office or Place of Register, before he be admitted to the Execution of that Office; and also every Register to the said *Amicable Society*, hereafter to be chosen, to take his Corporal Oath

His Salary
 200 l. per An.
 If 1000 Mem-
 bers; and
 300 l. if
 2000 Mem-
 bers.

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before

The Register to be Sworn.

By 3 of the Directors.

before the Directors of the said *Amicable Society*, or before any three or more of them, now and for the time being, for the due and faithful Execution and Performance of the said Office of Register; to which Directors, or any three of them, now and for the time being, We do hereby, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, give full Power and Authority, to give and administer the said Oath accordingly. And we do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant, Ordain and Appoint, That one full Sixth Part only of the first Six Pounds *Annual Contribution - Money* of all the Members of the said *Amicable Society*, and no more shall be duly paid to and amongst all and every such Nominee and Nominees of the Member and Members of the said *Amicable Society*, their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, who respectively shall die in the first Year, to be computed from the Five and Twentieth Day of *March* now last past, in equal Shares

Only a 6th Part of the Annual Contributions to be divided amongst the Nominees the 1st Year.

Shares and Proportions; and that
 Four Thousand Pounds of lawful *English* Mony, shall be duly paid, ^{4000l. the}
 and equally divided to and amongst ^{Second Year.}
 all and every such Nominee or No-
 minees of the Member or Members
 of the said *Amicable Society*, their re-
 spective Executors, Administra-
 tors or Assigns, who respectively
 shall die in the Second Year, (*viz.*)
 The Year of Our Lord Christ, One
 Thousand Seven Hundred and Se-
 ven: And that Six Thousand ^{6000l. the}
 Pounds of lawful *English* Mony shall ^{third Year.}
 be duly paid, and equally divided
 to and amongst all and every such
 Nominee or Nominees of the Mem-
 ber and Members of the said *Amica-*
ble Society, their respective Execu-
 tors, Administrators or Assigns,
 who respectively shall die in the
 Third Year, *viz.* In the Year of our
 Lord Christ One Thousand Seven
 Hundred and Eight. And that
 Eight Thousand Pounds of lawful ^{8000l. the}
English Mony shall be duly paid and ^{fourth Year.}
 equally divided to and amongst all
 and every such Nominee or Nomi-
 nees

1000l. the
5th Year.

And ever
after.

10000l. and as
much more as
shall be agreed
by a General
Court of Mem-
bers Annually
held.

nees of the Member and Members of the said *Amicable Society*, their respective Executors, Administrators or Assigns, who respectively shall die in the Fourth Year, *viz.* In the Year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine. And that Ten Thousand Pounds of lawful *English* Mony shall be duly paid and equally divided to and amongst all and every such Nominee or Nominees of the Member or Members of the said *Amicable Society*, their respective Executors, Administrators or Assigns, who respectively shall die in the Fifth Year, *viz.* In the Year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten. And that Ten Thousand Pounds of lawful *English* Mony, and so much more as shall be agreed on by a Majority of the Members of the said *Amicable Society*, for the Time being, Assembled in a General Court, shall be *Annually* paid, and equally divided to and amongst such Nominee and Nominees of the Member and Mem-

Members of the said *Amicable Society*, their respective Executors, Administrators or Assigns, who shall die in every Year then next ensuing. But in Case there shall not be two Thousand Subscribers, then in each Year such Part of the said *Annual* Payments of Six Pounds to be paid by the Subscribers, shall be distributed in Manner aforesaid, as shall be a just Proportion to the said respective Sums thereby appointed to be distributed, in Case there shall be two Thousand Subscribers. And further also, That the Remainders of the Monies which shall be so contributed and paid as aforesaid, shall together, with such Interest, Increase or Improvements, as shall arise, accrue, or be made thereof, or thereby, or shall arise, or be received for Annuities to be granted by the said *Amicable Society*, to their own Members only, be reserv'd and improv'd by the said *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual-Assurance-Office*, for the sole Use and Benefit of all and every the Members of

If not full 2000 Members.

A proportionable Division to be made.

All the remaining Stock to be laid up for the Benefit of the Members.

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the same Corporation, according to their respective Interests therein. And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant unto the said *Amicable Society*, for a *Perpetual-Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the said *Amicable Society*, for the time being, or any Seven or more of them, to assemble and meet together in some convenient Place within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, when, and as often as they shall think fit, and then [and their hold Courts; and that every such Court or Meeting, or Assembly of Directors of the said *Amicable Society* aforesaid, shall be and be called a Court of Directors for the said *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual-Assurance-Office*. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the said *Amicable Society*, or the major Part of them, from time to time assembled in Court as aforesaid, to order, manage and direct

Seven or more
Directors may
hold Courts.

To be called a
Court of Directors.

rect the Affairs and Business of the said Corporation, according to the Rules and Directions herein mention'd and ordain'd, or according to such Rules, Orders, By-Laws and Ordinances as shall be made, order'd and agreed upon by the Members of the said *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual-Assurance-Office*, or the major Part of such of them as shall be assembled in a General Court of the said Corporation. And further also, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the said *Amicable Society*, for the time being, or the major Part of them, and all other Members of the said Corporation, or so many of them as shall think fit to be present from time to time, to assemble and meet together in some convenient Place within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, and when and as often as the Members of the said Corporation shall be assembled in manner as aforesaid, they shall be and be called a General Court of

General
Courts not to
consist of less
than 20 Per-
sons.

To make By-
Laws.

the *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual-Assurance-Office*. And in such General Court (which Our Will and Pleasure is, Shall not consist of less than Twenty Members of the said Corporation) it shall and may be lawful to and for the Members of the said *Amicable Society*, or such of them as shall be assembled in a General Court, as aforesaid, to Constitute, Ordain, and make such and so many reasonable By-Laws, Rules, Orders and Ordinances for the good Government of the said *Amicable Society*, and the Members and Affairs thereof, as to them, or the major Part of them being then and there present, shall seem Necessary and Convenient, with reasonable Penalties, to be contain'd in such By-Laws on the Offenders, for Non-performance of, or Disobedience to the said By-Laws, to the Use of the *Amicable Society* for the *Perpetual-Assurance-Office*, without any Account to be rendred for the same, to Us, Our Heirs or Successors. And the said By-Laws, Rules, Orders

Orders, Ordinances, or any of them to alter, change or annul, as the said General Court shall think requisite, *And to alter them as Occasion serves.* and to mitigate the same as they shall find Cause, so as all and singular such By-Laws, Rules, Orders and Ordinances, Fines and Amerciaments be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the Laws or Statutes of this Our Realm, or to the Prejudice of any other Company or Corporation. And further, We have Given and Granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Give and Grant unto the said *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual-Assurance-Office*, and their Successors Power and Authority, by a Majority of Votes of such Members of the said *Amicable Society*, who shall be present at a General Court of the said Corporation to be *Annually* held for that Purpose, to choose and elect Yearly on the Five and Twentieth Day of *March*, or within Forty Days after, *And to choose new Directors.* Twelve Members, and no more, of the said *Amicable Society*, who at that

that time shall live and inhabit within the Bills of Mortality to be Directors of the said Corporation; which Directors so annually elected and chosen, shall severally and respectively continue in their Offices to which they shall be so elected, for and during one whole Year, and until others shall be duly chosen and sworn into their Places respectively; Provided, and Our Will and Pleasure is, That at the time of every such Annual Election of Directors of the said *Amicable Society*, there shall be always Four or more of the Directors, who serv'd in that Office the preceeding Year, if so many shall then inhabit within the Bills of Mortality, continued in the said Office of Directors the succeeding Year, to instruct the rest of the new Elected Directors in the Government and Management of the Affairs of the said *Amicable Society*. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant and Ordain, That in case any Person or Persons hereby nominated, or here-

Four of the
Old Directors
to be con-
tinued.

hereafter to be elected Director or Directors of the said Corporation, as aforesaid, shall happen to die within the space of one Year after such Nomination or Election, or shall Act contrary to his or their Trust in that Office; and that the same shall be so declared by the rest of the Directors of the said *Amicable Society*, or the major part of them, or shall refuse or neglect duly to act in, or take upon him or them the Execution of the said Office of Director; or shall neglect or refuse to take an Oath for the due Execution of the said Office, after being twice requested in that behalf, by an Order from any Six or more of the Directors of the said *Amicable Society* for the time being; or in case of any Removal of any Director of the said *Amicable Society*, or in case of any other Vacancy of the Office of a Director, then and in all, or any the said Cases, some other Member or Members of the said *Amicable Society*, then living and inhabiting within the Weekly Bills

If a Director die, or be turn'd out within the Year, the rest to choose another in his Place.

of

of Mortality, shall be elected and sworn in their respective places by the rest of the Directors of the said *Amicable Society* for the time being, or the major part of them, or otherwise as the General Court of the said *Amicable Society* shall determine, to continue Directors for the remainder of the Year, and so as often as the Case shall so happen. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant, Ordain and Appoint, That in all Meetings of the Court of Directors, or other Courts of the said *Amicable Society*, It shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the said *Amicable Society* for the time being, or the major part of them when assembled, to choose and appoint from time to time one of the Directors of the said *Ami-*

A Chair-Man cable *Society* then present to be to be appointed Chairman of the same Courts, which Chairman for the time being, shall in case of equality of Votes, have from time to time the casting Voice.

And

And we do hereby also further Ordain, Direct and Appoint, That no one Member of the said *Amicable Society* shall in any Election of the Directors of the said Corporation, have or give any more than ^{One Vote only for each Member.} one Vote, whatever his Share or Interest in the Joint-Stock of the said *Amicable Society* is or shall then be.

Provided always, and our Will and Pleasure is, That every Person who shall hereafter be Elected and Chosen into the Place or Office of a Director of the said *Amicable Society*, shall before he be admitted to the Execution of the said Office, take an Oath for the ^{Directors to take an Oath} due and faithful Performance of his Trust before any Three or more of the last preceding Directors of the said Corporation; To whom we do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors, give full Power and Authority to give and administer the same Oath accordingly.

And

And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant and Ordain, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Twelve Directors of the said *Amicable Society* for the time being, or the major part of them, from time to time, as often as they shall think fit, to assemble and hold Courts, and therein to transact, treat, and consult of, and concerning all Matters and Things relating to the said *Amicable Society* and their Joint-Stock, and hear and determine all Controversies that shall or may in any wise happen or arise thereupon. And further also, That the Directors of the said *Amicable Society* for the time being, or the major part of them, shall, or may at such Courts or Meetings admit, approve, or reject any Subscription or Subscriptions of any Person or Persons, who shall offer to subscribe, or to pay any Sum or Sums of Mony to the Joint-Stock, or Fund of the said Corporation, as to the said Directors, or major part of

Directors may reject, or refuse Admittance.

of them shall seem convenient, and shall and may also at their Will and Pleasure choose, put in, and remove all inferiour Officers of or belonging to the said Corporation, other than the Register hereby named.

And We do hereby further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant and Declare, That it shall and may be lawful to and for every Member of the said *Amicable Society*, who shall be then living in the County, or be otherwise absent, to depute from time to time by Writing under his or her Hand and Seal, some known Person, residing within the Bill of Mortality, to be his or her Attorney, to transact and perform all Matters for him or her, relating to his or her Interest in the said Society, as fully and effectually as if he or she were actually present (except only in or concerning any Election of a Director or Directors of the said *Amicable Society*.)

Matters to be transacted by an Attorney, except in the Election of a Director or Directors.

And

*A Register
Entry-Book or
Books to be kept.*

And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, strictly require and command the said *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, That they keep, or cause constantly to be kept, as occasion shall require, one or more Register, or Entering Book or Books, wherein shall be fairly entred and written all and every the Names, Titles, Ages and Places of abode of the several Subscribers (now and for the time being) to the Joint-Stock or Fund of the said Corporation, and of the respective Nominees of such Members, and all, and singular Sum and Sums of Mony, which from time to time shall be received and paid, and the time when, and the Name of each Person, to whom such Sum or Sums shall be paid. To which Book or Books all and every Person and Persons, having any Title, Share or Interest in or to the Joint-Stock of the said *Amicable Society*, or in or to any Dividend thereof, shall and may from time

time to time, and at all seasonable times have Recourse and Inspection without any Fee, Gratuity or Reward, to be paid or given for the same.

And our further Will and Pleasure is; And We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors, require and command that every Nominee or Nominees of every Member or Members of the said *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual Assurance-Office* do produce, or cause from time to time to be produced a Regular and Authentick Certificate to the Directors of the said *Amicable Society*, for the time being, of the Death of the Member or Members of the said Corporation, whose Nominee or Nominees he or they are, or shall be respectively, certifying the Place where, and the Time when such Member or Members died; and that thereupon the said Certificates shall be filed, and produced (by the Register of the said *Amicable Society* for the time being, or some other Person belonging

*Certificates in
Case of
Deaths.*

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longing to the said Corporation) to any Member or Members of the same Corporation, if required at the end of every Year.

And of Our further especial Grace, certain Knowledg and mere Motion, We have Given an Granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Give and Grant unto the said *Amicable Society* for a *Perpetual Assurance Office*, and their Successors, full and lawful Power and Authority to have, hold, take, purchase, receive, possess and Enjoy (by, and out of such Mony as shall or may, from time to time, arise by, and be reserved to the Joint Stock or Fund of the said *Amicable Society*, over and above the Annual Dividends, to be made as aforesaid, amongst the Nominees of the Members of the said *Amicable Society*, on Decease of such Members whose Nominees they are) any Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services, Possessions, or Hereditaments whatsoever within Our

The Society
may
purchase
Lands, &c. not
exceeding
2000^l. per
Ann.

Our Kingdom of *England*, Domini-
on of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick*
upon Tweede (whether the same are,
or shall be held of Us, Our Heirs
and Successors, or of any other
Person or Persons whatsoever) for
the sole Use and Benefit of the said
Amicable Society for a *Perpetual As-*
surance-Office, and their Successors,
not exceeding the clear Yearly Va-
lue of Two Thousand Pounds of
lawful *English* Money, in all Issues
above Reprizes.

And We have also given and
granted, and by these Presents,
for Us, Our Heirs and Successors,
do give and grant unto every Sub-
ject or Subjects whatsoever of Us,
Our Heirs and Successors, whether
incorporated or not incorporated,
special License, full Power, Fa-
culty and Authority, to give, grant,
sell, alien, assign, dispose, or be-
queath unto the said *Amicable Socie-*
ty for a Perpetual Assurance-Office,
and their Successors, for the Use
and Benefit of them and their Suc-
cessors, any Mannors, Messuages,
C 2 Lands,

*And any one
may sell to the
Society, Lands,
&c. not ex-
ceeding that
value.*

Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services or Hereditaments whatsoever, within Our said Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Bermick* upon *Tweed*, so as the same do not exceed in the whole the clear yearly Value of Two Thousand Pounds, in all Issues above Reprizes.

*All Judges,
Justices, &c.
to be assisting.*

And We do further hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Will, Authorize and Command all and singular our Judges, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all others the Officers and Ministers whatsoever of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for the time being, within this our Kingdom, that They, and every of Them respectively be from time to time in their several and respective Offices, favouring, aiding and assisting unto the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, their Agents and Servants in all things according to Our Royal Will and Pleasure herein

in Declared, and the true Intent and Meaning of these Presents.

And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Give and Grant unto the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, full Power and Authority, to make and raise a Joint-Stock or Fund from time to time, for the Ends and Purposes herein mentioned, and to have and receive the Benefit and Advantage of the same, to the Use of the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, according to such Shares and Proportions, as they, or any of them have, hath, or shall have in the Joint-Stock, or Fund aforesaid, and the same to augment and increase, reduce and diminish from time to time, as the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, or their Successors, shall find most fitting and convenient.

The Society empowered to raise a Joint-Stock.

Provided always, and for the effectual preventing the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-*

But must not
interfere with
the Bank of
England, nor
deal in the
Stock of others.
nor their Cash.

rance-Office, hereby Incorporated,
from intermedling or interfering
with the Business or Affairs of the
Corporation of the Governour and
Company of the Bank of *England*,
and from Banking and Dealing in
any Trade or Merchandize; Our
Will and Pleasure is, And We do
hereby Direct and Command, That
the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, shall not at any
time hereafter discount, or deal
in Bills of Exchange, or Inland
Bills or Notes, nor shall receive
Monys, or keep the Accounts or
Cash of any Person or Persons (o-
ther than their own proper Mo-
ny-Accounts and Cash, being the
real Produce of their Joint-Stock,
or Fund, or such Monys as shall
be paid to them for the Purposes
herein mentioned) nor shall deal
in Banking, nor any ways use the
Banking Trade or Business; nor
shall upon their common Seal, nor
by their Cashiers, Officers or Ser-
vants, or any other Person on their
behalf, give, or issue out any Bills
or

or Notes payable upon Demand for the Loan of Mony, with or without Interest; nor shall advance, nor lend any Money at Interest upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever, (except the Monys arising out of, or by the real Produce of their own Joint-Stock or Fund, or to be by them received as herein before is mentioned); Nor shall by way of Trade or Merchandize, directly or indirectly, buy or sell, or deal in any Bullion, Gold or Silver, or any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes. *Nor shall they Trade.*

And in case the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance Office* do, or shall at any time hereafter discount, or deal in Bills of Exchange, or Inland Bills, or Notes, or shall receive the Monys, or keep the Accounts or Cash of any Person (other than their own proper Mony-Accounts and Cash, being the real Produce of their Fund, or such Monys as shall be paid to them as aforesaid) or shall deal in Banking, or any ways use the Banking

Nor Banking. Banking Trade or Business, or shall either upon their Common Seal, or by their Cashiers, Officers or Servants, or any other on their behalf, give or issue out any Bills or Notes payable on Demand for the Loan of Money, with or without Interest, or shall advance or lend any Money at Interest upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever (except the Monys arising out of, and by the real Produce of their own Joint-Stock or Fund) or shall by way of Trade, or Merchandize directly or indirectly buy, or sell, or deal in any Bullion, Gold Silver, or any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes whatsoever.

Nor Issue out Bills.

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Nor deal in any Bullion, Goods, Wares, Merchandize.

That then, and in any of the said Cases, Our Will and Pleasure is, And We do hereby reserve to Our Selves, Our Heirs and Successors, full Power and absolute Authority, by Our or Their Order, in Our or Their Privy Council, at any time after three Months Notice to the said Corporation, to determine this Our present Charter, and

and the Corporation hereby Made,
Created, or Elected, and from
Three Months after such Order
of Council, made in any of the
said Cases, this Our present
Charter and the Corporation here-
by made, shall cease, determine,
and be utterly null and void,
to all Intents and Purposes what-
soever.

*On Forfeiture
of this Char-
ter.*

And in Case the said *Amicable
Society for a Perpetual Assurance-
Office*, shall, contrary to the Restri-
ctions before-mention'd, offend in
any Matter aforesaid, in any Par-
ticular or Particulars, exceeding
the Sum or Value of Five Hun-
dred Pounds, within the Com-
pass of any one Year, to be reck-
ned from *Lady-day* Yearly; That
then the Attorney-General, of Us,
Our Heirs and Successors, for the
time being, shall, and is hereby
Authorized and Directed, by Vir-
tue of the Presents, without far-
ther Warrant or Order from Us,
Our Heirs or Successors, at the
Request, and at the Costs and
Charges

*If Offend to the
value of 500 l.
or upwards, to
be sued at the
Charges of the
Bank of Eng-
land.*

Charges of the Governour and Company of the Bank of England, by *Scire Facias*, or Information, or otherwise, as the Law shall allow of, to prosecute the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office* for such Offence and Breach of any the Restrictions aforesaid, and to procure these Our Letters-Patents, and the Corporation hereby created, by Judgment thereon to be determin'd and made void. And for the better and more effectual Observance of the Restrictions and Conditions aforesaid,

Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby enjoin and require the Directors of the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office* from time to time, when, and as often as they shall be elected into the said Offices and Places, and before they respectively act therein, to take an Oath before such Persons, and at such Times as the Oath of their Office shall be administred to them for the

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the due and careful Observance of the said Restrictions herein before-mention'd, and not wittingly or willingly to act contrary thereunto, or to break, or infringe, or assent to, or connive at the breaking or infringing of the same, or any of them.

Lastly, We do hereby, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant unto the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, ^{To be a Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office.} That these Our Letters-Patents, or the Inrolment thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in the Law, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed and adjudg'd in the most favourable and beneficial Sense for the best Advantage of the said *Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office*, and their Successors, as well in all Courts of Record as else-where, and by all and singular the Officers and Ministers whatsoever, of Us, Our Heirs,

Heirs and Successors. In Witness
whereof, We have caused these
Our Letters to be made Patents.
Witness Ourself at *Westminster*, the
Five and Twentieth Day of *July*,
in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

By Writ of Privy-Seal,

CO COCKS.

By-Laws

*By-Laws of the Corporation of the Amicable
Society for a Perpetual-Assurance-Office,
Made and Agreed unto, at Seven General
Courts of the Members.*

The First on November the 13th, 1706.

1. **T**hat no Member be excluded through Default of Payment, until the End of the Year at *Lady-Day*, and then by the General Court, (which Court by the Charter is to be call'd within Forty Days after) where no Person shall have a Vote that is in Arrear. That every Member pay 1 l. 11 s. Quarterly, upon the four most usual Quarter Days, or within thirty Days after; and in Default of Payment accordingly, each Member must pay for the first Quarter to the Joint-Stock 1 s. for the 1st and 2^d Quarters 3 s. for the 1st, 2^d, and 3^d Quarters; 6 s. for the 1st, 2^d, 3^d and 4th Quarters; 10 s. for the same Use.

2. That an *Affidavit* of the Claimant, and Certificate under the Hands of the *Rector, Vicar or Curate*, and the *Church-wardens* for the Time being, of the Parish where the Member died, be produc'd to the Directors within one Month after *Lady-Day* in every Year; if the Person shall die in *Britain*; and in Case the Person dies at such Distance, as such Notice cannot be given, he be intitled to a Sum out of the next Years Dividend among the Claimants, equal to that

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which was receiv'd by each Claimant in the preceding Year. And that all those who make a Claim upon the Death of every Member beyond the Seas, give a sufficient Security to the Directors to prevent a Fraud; besides such Evidence, as they shall think sufficient for that Death. And that the Directors likewise write to such Parsons, Vicars, Curates, Church-wardens, &c. about the Truth of such Certificates.

3. That the Directors in placing out the Money belonging to the Society, do accept of no Personal Security, nor a Deposit of any Goods.

4. That at the Election of *Directors*, each Member (who shall be present) bring in a List in Person of Twelve Members, neither more nor less, of which Four only shall be of the *Directors* for the Year preceding, and that the Election be by Balloting.

5. That whoever alters the Member, Nominee, or Nominees, in order to take out a new Policy, produce the old one to be cancell'd by the *Directors*, and fil'd up in the Office; and in case the Policy be alledg'd to be lost, that Security be given to the *Directors* to indemnifie the Society against the Policy that is lost, and that the Contributors only, whether Member or Nominee, have a Power to make such Exchange.

6. That no By-Laws be made, unless Fifty Members, including the *Directors*, be present.

The Second on Wednesday the 7th of May. 1707.

1. **T**hat every Claimant or Claimants, or the Majority of them, have Power at any Time within Twelve Months after receiving His, Her, or Their Claim, to put in a qualify'd Member in the Room of the Deceas'd, and so upon the Death of every Member successively for ever. Provided nevertheless, and that in neglect of such Claimant or Claimants nominating a qualified Member within the said space of Twelve Months, the *Directors* for the Time being have Power to admit a qualify'd Member in the Room of the Deceas'd, for the Use of this Society. And that such Claimant or Claimants be oblig'd to leave in the Hands of the Register, out of His, Her, or Their respective Claim, or Claims, 6 *l.* 15 *s.* for the next Years Payments of each Member, that shall be admitted in the Room of the Deceas'd.

2. That no Member be admitted in the Room of any one Deceas'd from this Time forward, unless between the Ages of 12 and 45, and appearing to be in a good State of Health.

The Third on Thursday the 10th of June, 1708.

1. **T**hat 9 Auditors be annually chosen, by Ballotting at the next General Court after that, at which the *Directors* are chosen.

2. That none that are in Arrear more than one Quarter, shall have a Vote at any General Court.

3. That no Part of this Society's Capital Stock be divided amongst the Members, but at the Yearly General

neral Court, held after *Lady-day*, as appointed by the Charter; And that no By-Law be of Force, till Read and Confirm'd at the next General Court after.

4. That four General Courts at least, be held every Year, within forty Days after each Quarter Day.

The Fourth on April 14. 1709.

1. **T**hat no Director be chosen for more than two Years successively.

2. That a Register be kept of all the Securities taken, for, or upon lending the Societies Stock; and that the same be in the Office for the perusal of the Contributors and Members.

3. That the Directors once in every Week do demand of the Register, and that the said Register, or his Deputy, do bring in the Receipts of Cash in the seven preceding Days, and keep the same under the Locks of the Society's Chest, until dispos'd off, on Securities agreeable to the Charter and By-Laws.

4. That it be a standing Instruction to the Auditors, to lay before every General Court, upon Oath, the Quarterly Current Accounts of this Society; and in stating them, to represent the Nature of the Securities, and incident Expences, in the distinctest manner. And that for this End, they be allow'd the Liberty to inspect the Securities and Cash of this Society, upon any Court Day.

5. That the Accounts of this Society be Annually pass'd by the General Court, and the Ballances thereof formed by the Auditors accordingly, which the Directors are to take care to deliver over to the succeeding
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ing Directors. And upon stating such Accounts, and the Directors delivering up the Securities taken for the Stock of the said Society, given in upon such Accounts, the new Directors, at their first Court, shall give a Receipt for the same.

The Fifth on August 2. 1709.

1. **T**hat no Director, while he is a Director, shall be employ'd in his Calling or Profession by the Court of Directors.

2. That no Director shall borrow any Money of the Society, nor any Person be capable of being a Director whilst he has any of the Society's Money.

3. That no Person shall have the Seal of the Office to be employ'd in his Calling or Profession.

4. That no Person shall be admitted a Member of this Society but by a Court of Directors, nor without making Affidavit of his Age, and State of Health ; and such as live in *London*, or within Fifteen Miles of the same, shall appear in Person.

5. That no Chair-Man of a General Court of this Society shall leave the Chair, or Adjourn the Court before Nine a Clock, without the Consent of a Majority of the Members then present, under the Penalty of being immediately discharg'd from his Office of a Director.

6. That Notice be given of the holding of every General Court, at the House of every Member (being a Contributor) that lives within the Bills of Mortality at least Three Days before any Court be held.

The Sixth on December 2. 1709.

1. **T**hat all Persons in Arrear one Year and one Quarter, shall be excluded at the then next General Court, by their respective Names 20 Days, publick Notice thereof being given in the *Gazette* before the last Quarter-Day.

The Seventh on February the 16th, 1709.

1. **T**hat no Person, either by Himself or Proxy be allowed to Vote at any General Court, but such who is a Member and Contributor on his or her own Life.

2. That no Proxies be allow'd at any General Court, unless entred in the Office seven Days before.

3. That every List in the Choice of Directors, which contains the Name or Names of any Person or Persons, who ought not to be Elected according to the Fourth Article of the By-Laws of the 13th Novemb. 1706. and to the First Article in the By-Laws of the 14th April, 1709. be rejected.

4. That the Seal of the Corporation be not affix'd to any Instrument whatsoever (Policies and Powers of Attorney for the Receiving of Money excepted) without the unanimous Consent of Seven Directors, nor until such Instrument be read and approv'd at two successive Courts of Directors.

5. That such Members as are liable to Exclusion be excluded at the next General Court, before that Court proceeds to the Election of Directors.

6. That

6. That no Officer or Servant of this Society in any wise intermeddle with the Election of Directors, on pain of being immediately discharg'd, except in giving their own Votes.

N. B. This Society will proceed to purchase Estates for Lives; And to grant Annuities, according to the Power given them in their Charter.

The present **DIRECTORS** *are,*
The Right Honourable S^r Samuel Garrard, B^t.
Lord Mayor of London,

** Sir Thomas Aleyn, Bar^t.*

Thomas Renda, Esq;

** Fisher Tenck, Esq;*

Godfrey Woodward, Esq;

Andrew Snape, D. D.

John Grafty, A. M.

Matthew Remington, Gent.

Francis Afty, Merch^t.

** Nathaniel Carpenter, Merch^t.*

Richard Mount, Stationer.

** Sam. Watkinson, Glas-feller.*

N. B. Attendance is given at their OFFICE between the Two Temple-Gates in Fleet-Street, from 10 to 12, and from 3 to 6 every Day, except Holidays.

*N. B. The Persons with a * have served 2 Years already, and therefore cannot be chosen this Year.*

Oath of a Member.

A..... B..... of the
Parish of D..... in
the C..... of W..... maketh
Oath that He (or She) this Deponent is in
a good State of Health to the best of this
Deponents knowledge or belief; and is of
the Age of Years or
thereabouts, as near as this Deponent can
discover. A. B.

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The True STATE of the SOCIETY.

THE Charter commenc'd the 25th of
March, 1706.

The Number of Subscribers
that Year was 875
Died in the Year 1706, 29

l. s. d.

Each Claimant's Share of 875*l.*
divided that Year, was } 30 02 9

The Number of Subscribers in
the second Year was the full
Number 2000

Died in the Year 1707, 96

Each Claimant's Share of 4000*l.*
divided that Year, was } 41 13 4

Died in the Year 1708, 122

Each Claimant's Share of 6000*l.*
divided that Year, was } 50 03 6 $\frac{1}{4}$

Died in the Year 1709, 87

Each Claimant's Share of 8000*l.*
that will be divided on Fri-
day, being the 5th of May } 91 19 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
1710. comes to

There

There will be the full Dividend of Ten Thousand Pounds made amongst the Nominees of those Members who shall die in this present Year 1710, and never less in every succeeding Year for ever.

N. B. The present Stock is upwards of 25,000 l. which with the Addition of 2000 l. each Year, besides the Improvements, will in few Years advance the Stock to such a height, as that the Improvements of it will pay all Claims, Charges, &c. so that every Member's Yearly Payment of 6 l. 4 s. will cease, and every Nominee will receive a Dividend of 10,000 at least at the Death of the Member successively for ever, without any further Contribution.

Upon inspecting the Society's Books, the following Observation I thought fit to communicate, not doubting of its being very acceptable to all Persons concern'd.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Received in Contributions			
April 24. 1710.	1030	15	0
Forfeitures	52	10	0
by Interest	8	7	1
	1091	12	1
George Sawbridge			